



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

In times of peace and in times of war, each generation of Americans has answered the clarion call of duty in service to our country. Across the globe, in the face of aggression, tyranny, and despair, American service members have responded as allies, liberators, and humanitarians. Leaving behind loved ones, they have traveled to foreign lands to engage in battle, with many making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. As a nation indebted to the sacrifices of these brave individuals, we must always remember to extend our deepest respect to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Since 1863, the Congressional Medal of Honor has been presented to fewer than 4,000 individuals and is the highest award for valor in combat across all branches of the U.S. military. From acts of irrepressible courage, such as charging into harm's way to aid a wounded friend or suppressing enemy fire to provide protection and cover, those who receive the Medal of Honor epitomize gallantry and sacrifice. Dozens of Texans have received the Medal of Honor, including Audie Murphy for his gallant service in the Second World War and Roy Benavidez for his bravery under fire in South Vietnam.

In 1990, the U.S. Congress designated March 25 as National Medal of Honor Day to show our reverence and gratitude for the recipients and their grace under fire. Today, we take special care to recognize and salute the brave service and valor of our Medal of Honor recipients, many of whom received this award posthumously. Let us join with our fellow Americans everywhere in celebrating these heroic members of our armed forces for their extraordinary sacrifices.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the Congressional Medal of Honor and those upon whom our nation has bestowed this honor. Through a deeper understanding of this commendation and the stories of its recipients, we can all be inspired by the selflessness and patriotism of our fellow Americans.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2022, to be

Medal of Honor Day



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
3rd day of March, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas